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INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT COVERING
PERIOD FROM JULY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1975.

COUNTRY: LEBANON

SECTION A: HIGHLIGHTS OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING
REPORTING PERIOD:

1. AS WE CASE WITH EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF LEBANESE EXISTENCE,
NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS HERE DURING REPORTING PERIOD COMPLETELY
OVERSHADOWED BY GRAVE CIVIL STRIFE. NEARLY ENTIRE REPORTING PERIOD
MARRED BY OPEN WARFARE BETWEEN CONFESSIONAL GROUPS, POLITICAL CHAOS
AND GENERAL BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND ORDER. ALTHOUGH LEBANESE
AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT ABANDONED BATTLE TO CONTROL NARCOTICS

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TRAFFIC, THEIR EFFORTS OBVIOUSLY HAMPERED BY CURRENT SITUATION.

2. EMBASSY'S EFFORTS ALSO ADVERSELY EFFECTED BY SITUATION. ROUTINE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT ON NARCOTICS OR OTHER MATTERS GREATLY REDUCED BY INABILITY GOI ACT ON ROUTINE MATTERS. FOR EXAMPLE, MAINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INOPERATIVE FOR MONTHS. AS PART OF EMBASSY STAFF REDUCTIONS, DEA OPERATION HAS BEEN PUT ON ICE AND NO REPEAT NO DEA PERSONNEL NOW AT POST.

3. DESPITE CHAOTIC CONDITIONS, LEBANESE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS CONTINUE ON REDUCED SCALE. ARRESTS OF MINOR TRAFFICKERS CONTINUE, ESPECIALLY BY CUSTOMS PERSONNEL AT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. UNFORTUNATELY, DRUG SEIZURE STATISTICS STILL IMCOMPLETE. TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1975 FOLLOW: HASHISH 130.8 KILO, HASHISH OIL GRAMS, HEROIN 253 GRAMS, COCAINE 6,610 KILO. NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER DATA NOT AVAILABLE. STATISTICS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 1975 SAFEHAVENED TO DEA ANKARA. REQUEST ANKARA CABLE THIS INFORMATION TO SECSTATE AND BEIRUT.

4. BASED ON LIMITED DATA AVAILABLE HERE, RATE OF HASHISH SEIZURES DOWN SHARPLY FROM 6319 KILO PLUS 126 KILO HASHISH OIK DURING LAST REPORTING PERIOD. ESTIMATED TOTAL HASHISH CROP REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, I.EJM APPROXIMATELY 150 TO 200 TONS. AS IN PAST ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF CROP DESTINED FOR EGYPT. WE BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THIS YEAR'S CROP MOVING OVERLAND RATHER THAN BY BOAT.

5. THERE IS SOME INFORMATION TO INDICATE SMALL BATCHES OF HEROIN BEING PRODUCED IN LEBANON. YEARLY TOTAL ESTIMATED TO BE 100 KILO, PREPARED IN BATCHES OF ONE TO TWO KILOS TO MEET SPECIFIC SMALL ORDERS

6. BEIRUT'S NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN INCLUDES TWO PROJECTS. PROJECT NO. 001 (CUSTOMS ASSISTANCE - ENFORCEMENT) IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LEBANESE CUSTOMS SERVICE INTO MORE EFFECTIVE FORCE TO PREVENT ENTRY AND EXIT OF ILLEGAL DRUGS. THE PROJECT INCLUDES TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMS SERVICE PERSONNEL, BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND LEBANON, AND PROVISION OF MODERN EQUIPMENT. THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES IN THIS PROJECT DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

7. PROJECT NO. 002 (POLICE ASSISTANCE - ENFORCEMENT) IS INTENDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO PROVIDE FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO NARCOTICS BUREAU AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF JUDICIAL POLICE IN INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS. PROJECT INCLUDES TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR NARCOTICS BUREAU PERSONNEL AND OTHERS, BOTH IN US AND LEBANON, AND PROVISION OF MODERN EQUIPMENT. DURING REPORTING PERIOD, THE COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE (INCLUDING SEVEN TWO-WAY RADIOS) WAS RECEIVED AND RELEASED TO NARCOTICS POLICE. A SMALL GROUP OF NCO'S RECEIVED 30 DAYS TRAINING IN THE

U.S. A GROUP OF 4 NCO'S TRAVELED TO U.S. FOR DEA ADVANCED
INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL NO. 14.

8. POST BELIEVES THAT GOL WILL BE UNABLE PROVIDE INCREASED
EMPHASIS ON NARCOTICS CONTROL UNTIL SECURITY AND POLITICAL SIT-
UATIONS IMPROVED MARKEDLY. POST DOES NOT INTEND REQUEST FUNDS
FOR NARCOTICS CONTROLS ACTIVITIES, OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY
REQUESTED IN PAST NCAP SUBMISSIONS, UNTIL SITUATION IMPROVES
TO EXTENT THAT WE CAN BE RELATIVELY CERTAIN THAT EXPENDITURES
WILL BE COST EFFECTIVE.

9. REQUEST BEIRUT DEA PERSONNEL NOW IN ANKARA AND PARIS
SUBMIT CABLED COMMENTS TO SECSTATE AND BEIRUT.
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